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LOOK toward the 3000 mark.

ALL orders for the Annual have been filled.

WHAT have you done to help reach the 3000 mark?

SCHOOL opened on last Thursday, with all the professors in their places.

UP to date we have received no report from the Lanark dedication service.

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ARE you in need of sample copies of the EVANGELIST for distribution in your work? They will be sent free upon application.

ANOTHER OFFER. We will send you an excellent Emerald Bible, beautifully bound, divinity circuit, gilt edges, and the EVANGELIST for \$2.75.

MR. Gladstone seems to have the fullest confidence in the vitality of Christianity. He says: "I am grateful to science for all that it has done and is doing, but Christianity stands in no need of it, and is as able now as ever to hold its own ground."

THE oldest church organization in this country is the First Church of Plymouth, Mass., dating back beyond the landing of the Pilgrims, to 1608.

WANTED.—I desire the name and address of every member of the Brethren church in Chicago. Please address me at No. 235 S. Campbell Ave., Chicago, Ill. J. E. ROOP.

FOR SALE. An Acme oil engine, automatic, Westinghouse make, in excellent condition, used but eleven months. Will be sold within the next twenty days at one-third its original cost. Apply at this office.

THE article, "Reasons for Severing our Connection with the German Baptist Church," by Edith L. Beachly, is written in a commendable, Christian spirit, and furnishes good ground for the action taken by the brethren and sisters of Salisbury, Pa.

FOR the quarter beginning January 1, 1895, we had about 750 Brethren Quartermen left. For the quarter beginning January 1, 1896, we printed the same number as last year, and we lack, perhaps 100 copies of having enough. Either our schools are growing in numbers, or more of them keep open during these winter months.

NOW IS THE time to secure new subscribers. We are printing extra copies each week so that all new subscribers can get back numbers, beginning with No. 1, January 1. Let the work be prosecuted all along the lines. We need 3000 subscribers for 1896, and you can help us get them. Every reader of the paper should feel an interest in this enterprise, and do all in his power to help swell the list to 3000. A successful Publishing House, among human agents, is the greatest need of the church. Among the many demands made upon you for money, do not neglect to support the publishing interests of the church.

THE article, "Some things for the K. C's. to be thankful for," was read at a Thanksgiving service and intended for the *King's Children* paper. It was crowded out of the January number, and is now printed in this issue of the EVANGELIST.

RECENTLY we have received a postal card from a lady in Springfield, O., making inquiry concerning the doctrine of the Brethren church. A tract, advertising the EVANGELIST and containing some reference to the teachings of our church, found its way to this lady, and she now writes for farther information. She is engaged in missionary work in the above named city. We have sent her the doctrinal tracts setting forth the teachings of the Brethren church. Who will send \$1.00 to have the EVANGELIST sent to her address for one year? Here is an opportunity for a little missionary work.

HERE are some very interesting peculiarities, brought to light at the two hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary of the Congregational church at Greenwich, Conn., celebrated some weeks ago:

"In 1660 twenty male inhabitants were taxed for preaching, and had to go to meeting or pay five shillings fine. In those days service began at 8 o'clock and lasted all day; the worshipers brought lunch and hot bricks. In 1791 a lottery was held for the benefit of the society, and twelve hundred tickets were sold. At the annual meeting they voted to spend one dollar and twenty-five cents for liquor. Of the officers of the society the committeemen received from fifty cents to one dollar and fifty cents a year, the treasurer got a dollar, and the man who swept out the church at the time received thirty-seven cents. The salary of the first settled pastor (1678-89) was fifty pounds with firewood, or sixty pounds without."

Surely great changes have been wrought in the Christian's standard and ideals.

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